

Launching Text: John 16:33 These things (My Words) I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

1-Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walking about, seeking whom he may devour:⁹ Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1-Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Preaching Text: ...Have faith in God. For I (Jesus) say unto you that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever you desire, when you pray (or confess), believe that you shall receive them and you shall have them.

INTRO: We live in a troubled world. The devil will make sure your life is plagued by all kinds of trouble, but we have a PROMISE: Ps 145:15 says that God opens His hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Because of this, we just need to catch by FAITH WHAT GOD IS AND HAS RELEASED.

God wants us to live in VICTORY and we have another PROMISE: Isaiah 54:17 No weapon formed against us shall prosper and every tongue (or negative word) that rises up against us in judgment we are condemn for this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of me saith the Lord.

IF WE ARE TO WALK IN THIS VICTORY, WE MUST HAVE A VIOLENT RADICAL FAITH! Not violent against flesh & blood, the human kind, but violent against the devil and all of his ways.

Matthew 11:12 says The kingdom of heaven (God's way of doing things—Rom 14:17 righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost) suffereth violence, but the violent take it by force.

WE MUST TAKE WHAT GOD OFFERS US, WHICH IS FAITH and do with it what He says in His Word! Get faith! Romans 10:17 So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of the Lord.

Psalms 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. (Take it!)

God offers us total completeness! He offers salvation from sin, healing for our bodies, provision for our needs, and victory over every situation, but we must get violent. Violent against our enemy satan, our enemy sin, and our enemy self.

HOW WILL WE POSSESS THIS VICTORY? BY FAITH! We must do something for Faith without works is dead!

Exercise Faith! We DON'T have to live in misery, labor in misery, lack in misery, and be miserable wanting satisfaction. We can live by faith in a troubled world and have victory and that is the reason for this message.

1. LIVING BY FAITH IN A TROUBLED WORLD TAKES PLEASING FAITH

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please God—for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

1. Pleasing Faith Performed (or executed) By Love

But without faith it is impossible to please God.

Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision: but faith which works by love.

Love pleases God! Why? 1-John 4:8...for God is love.

Mark 12:30-31 (Loving God & loving our neighbor—no other commandment greater than these)

Mat 5:36-40 (Loving God & loving our neighbor—on these 2 laws hang all the other laws)

2. Pleasing Faith Positioned in God Mark 11:22 Have faith in God....

We must believe that God is (it's the supreme authority that authorizes the action)

Ps 14:1 A fool hath said in his heart there is no God...

Lk 12:18-19 (A fool said) Take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry...

Rom 1:19-20 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they (mankind) is without excuse. (until our faith is positioned in God, it will not work & we will always have an excuse!)

3. Pleasing Faith Powered By The Scriptures

We must believe that God is a rewarder

2-Cor 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Num 23:19 God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good.

To get what Jesus said, we have to *do what Jesus did?*

1-Peter 2:21 teaches us that Christ left us an example and we are to follow in His steps.

4. Pleasing Faith Pushing To Victory

If your faith is not pushing you, it will not push God for the victory

Your faith ought to push you to seek God, pray, confess, praise, to crave, and to worship!

Diligently seek Him You must push yourself—Mark 5 Demonic man, Diseased woman, Dead girl,

In Lk 17:11-19 the 10 Lepers, as they went were healed—only one returned to give thanks!

Luke 8:22-25 Jesus & disciples in boat for He said go to the other side. Jesus went to sleep. Storm came

Disciples woke Jesus up crying—Master, Master we perish. Jesus rebuked the wind and waves and there was a great calm and Jesus said, Where is your faith? Why didn't you rebuke the wind & waves?

Luke 11:9 Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.

For everyone that asks receives, & he that seeks finds, & to him that knocks it shall be opened.

Luke 18:1...men ought always to pray and not to faint.

Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

2-Cor 2:14 Now thanks be to God which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes the savor

(or fragrant realization) of His knowledge by us in every place.

2. LIVING BY FAITH IN A TROUBLED WORLD TAKES PROVOCATIVE FAITH**Believing provokes action**

If your faith is not moving you to action, it will not move God to action!

Mark 5:22 When Jarius saw Him—he fell at His feet and besought Him greatly

Mark 5:27 When the woman with the issue of blood heard of Jesus—she got out of her sick bed & pressed

Mark 10:47 When blind Bartemaeus heard that it was Jesus—he began to cry out

2-Ki 7:3 Four lepers said, why sit here til we die—if we stay here we die, if we go into the city where there's a famine—we die—lets just fall on the host of our enemy the Syrians..So they got up—went to the enemy's camp—but God had showed up before them—and in verse 6 God had caused the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, a noise of horses, and a noise of a great host and the enemy fled—and the lepers got the spoil.

1. Provocative Faith With Proper Thinking

Proverbs 23:7 (teaches us that as one thinks in his heart, so is he.)

Ps 143:3-6 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has smitten my life down to the ground; he has made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. (But) I (begin) to remember the days of old: I meditate on all thy works; I muse (Heb=see-akh=to utter, speak aloud, to declare, to confess) on the work of thy hands. (Then) I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsts after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah (and that's when I find help).

Rom 8:31 If God be for us, who can be against us.

Rom 8:32 He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He also not with Him freely give us all things.

Ps 1:2-3 But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law doth he meditate (or think about) day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

2. Provocative Faith With Proper Talking

Don't let yourself be snared by the words of your own mouth!

Prov 6:2 Thou art snared by the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it (death or life) shall eat the fruit thereof. Mat 12:34 ...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whatsoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Prov 12:14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth; and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

3. Provocative Faith With Proper Taking

1. Taking our rightful place In Christ Col 1:27Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Acts 17:28 For in Him (Christ) we live, and move and have our very being...

2. Taking our rightful place In His Commands

John 2:5...Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it. (Isa 1:19 the willing & obedient eats the good)

3. Taking our rightful place In Conquest

1-Cor 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory thru our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 8:37 Nay in all these things (every thing that comes against us) we are more that conquerors (we are champions) through Him that loved us.

Rom 8:32 He that spared not His only Son but freely delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things!

Daniel 11:32...and the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits.

3. LIVING BY FAITH IN A TROUBLED WORLD TAKES PLUNDERING FAITH

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them.

1. Plundering Faith Will Always Trust In God. (If God says its yours---then take it)

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart—lean not to your own understanding—in all your ways acknowledge Him—and He will direct your path (*where to?---Victory*).

2. Plundering Faith Will Always Triumph Through God (over our enemies & problems)

Eph 4:27 Give no place to the devil.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Rom 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Luke 10:19 Behold I give you power to tread on the serpent and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall be any means hurt you.

Ps 91:13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lions and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against us shall prosper & every tongue that rises in judgment against us condemn, for the is the heritage of the servants of the Lord & their righteousness is of me says God.

3. Plundering Faith Will Always Testify About God

2-Cor 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.

Ps 107:2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, who He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

Ps 33:8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

1-Cor 15:57 But thanks be unto God that gives us the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ps 91 v3 deliverance

v5 no fear here

V10 no evil taking you out

v10 no plagues plaguing you

V11 angels helping & keeping you

v14 deliverance & promotion

V15 prayers answered

v15 God's presence, deliverance, & honor

V16 long life, satisfaction, and salvation or complete so nothing is lacking

Faith that Pleases----Faith that Provokes----Faith that Plunders----but it all must & will be in Christ!